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**MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**FROM:** Ivan Djambov, Finance Manager

**DATE:** September 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Fire Suppression Funding

The Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands is responsible for the fire management on Utah's non-federal lands. During the 2021 General Session, the Legislature appropriated \$54.2 million one-time in FY 2021 for fire suppression costs: \$51.2 million to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund and \$3.0 million for rehabilitation.

The numbers below reflect all fire suppression funding, including the amounts appropriated to the division and the funding available through the Wildland Fire Suppression restricted fund.

Based on the division's projections, there would not be a need for a FY 2022 supplemental appropriation for fire suppression costs.

**FY 2021**

\$1,407,700	Carry Forward from FY 2020
\$1,500,000	Ongoing GF Appropriation
\$1,069,300	Wildland Fire Suppression Fund Revenues
\$54,200,000	Supplemental GF for Fire Suppression and Rehab
\$863,400	Out-of-State Fire Federal Reimbursement
<u>(\$30,474,300)</u>	FY 2021 Actual Fire Expenses & Rehab as of June 30, 2021
<b>\$28,566,100</b>	<b>FY 2021 Left Over</b>

**FY 2022**

\$28,566,100	Carry Forward from FY 2021
\$1,500,000	Ongoing GF Appropriation
\$418,000	Wildland Fire Suppression Fund Revenues
\$8,000,000	\$7-9 Million Estimated FEMA Reimb. for the Brian Head Fire
<u>(\$16,517,800)</u>	Projected FY 2022 Fire Expenditures
<b>\$21,966,300</b>	<b>Projected FY 2022 Left Over</b>

Jamie Barnes, Director of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands will make a presentation to EAC on September 14, 2021 about the 2021 fire season, to provide the estimated fire suppression and rehabilitation costs, and answer legislators' questions.

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